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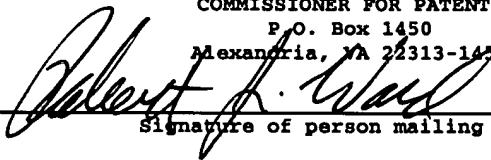
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), Applicant submits the art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, along with a copy of the referenced art, and notes that no fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. Applicant submits this

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§1.97(b)(3), as Applicant is filing this Information Disclosure Statement before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits.

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner, and shall not be construed as a representation that Applicant or Applicant's attorneys have personal knowledge of the contents of the listed art or any events surrounding the listed art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449, as indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner then return to the undersigned a copy of the initialed and completed Form PTO-1449 that indicates the enclosed referenced art has been considered in its entirety.

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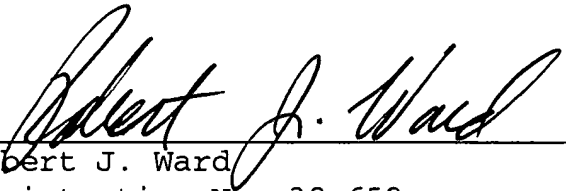
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No fees are believed to be due at this time. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during prosecution of this application, including petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 and reference Attorney Docket No. 62873.7. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

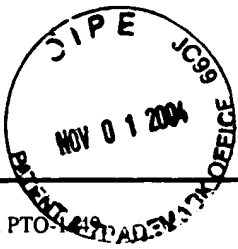
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